IN OLD KEY WEST.

Havana's Nearest Neighbor and Our Most Important Naval years ago are now without shoes on their good service a few years ago during the jeet, go out after nightfall because they yellow fever at Key West. When it was Station.

How the War Has Changed the Place-Known as a Town of Dust and Dolce centrado who has been starved out of all Far Niente-The Cuban Contingent-Patriotic Cuban Women.

small dot on the map; to-day it is the to be chiefly cactus plants. When I ex-United States—the rendezvous of Ameri- pear for grazing purposes a little black can warships, and, to give variety, any boy said it

number of Spanish prize craft. United States. In part, Key West people grain. to realize that they are United States people of faith; they do not reason on lines of cause and effect; therefore, are teaching English and music to little book. themselves are apparently just beginning Key West people are essentially a it with the hope of a live future.

that almost everything could be raised in from some "other port." it. But the population is indifferent, and Nature struggles on alone, though not wholly discouraged. Here and there blossoming trees and vines show what Nature might accomplish under more favorable

The key or island on which the City of Key West is situated is about six miles in greatest length and two miles wide, with a low coast line-so low that the Spring tides flood the streets nearest the seaaffording annual diversion to the people in the novelty of small-boat navigation about

It is an old place, and more than looks its age. The straggling, unpaved streets, with all sorts and conditions of architecture, are in striking contrast to up-to-date towns in the North, and also in some of the Southern States. Key West has a population of 20,000, but it has no business center. Shops of every description are scattered among private residences, from one end of a street to the other. Many houses are neat, and have broad piazzas, but all look deserted during the day. From sunrise until sunset every door, window and blind is closed, and no sign of life or occupation is visible. And why? Simply to keep out the dust, which is about the only thing that flourishes in Key West, and may be depended on, for it is here every day in the week, and always in unlimited quantity.

The town makes no attempt to interfere with the dust or check it, though it would be an easy public enterprise to use water on the streets. One would suppose that in a town of 20,000 people there would be sufficient public spirit to cope with a water cart street sprinkler.

But up to the present time there has annual sprinkler is the rainy season. This coral dust is like fine, white ashes. It penetrates every crack and invisible and out, makes every leaf and flower look do things here as you do in the North." whole sea and wells-but there is no more hospitality than one meets in North- ing, and in the adjoining ground is the

to keep a town of 20,000 clean and healthy. The water supply for household or living purposes is from cisterns, and in the "dry spell" it is necessary to exercise great economy in the use of water. It would offend Key West people to hint that they show a general disinclination to any extravagant use of water for bathing purposes. And yet there can be no other conclusion. Few houses have bathrooms. Not to have bath rooms is the neither a public nor private bathing beach no occasion to "hustle," for there is but suades them to come to us. We found it with proper facilities for sea hathing.

As I have already said, Nature does her part, and more, but the odds are against Nature. Here is water for the finest sea bathing, almost the year round, for the even in the Winter months. But so far as sea bathing contributes to the health. comfort and cleanliness of the population, Key West might as well be in the center of a big Western prairie rather than an be one-third Anglo-Saxon, one third island in the sea. The dusty streets are Cuban and one-third Negro. The English, the playground for children, and the only originally from Nassau, and Americans, promenade for the people. There is not a are the people of wealth and influence. spot anywhere with a tree, bush or flower, But there is a disposition on their part to affording an open-air resort-no shade shift responsibility for lack of enterprise trees along the streets, though trees, all upon the Cubans, on the ground that the flowering shrubs and vines would grow Cubans are easy-going and have no public

West, but quite inadequate to light the since the war every Cuban in Key West, town; therefore, no pretense is made, however small his wages, has contributed except to light streets about the docks. by assessment to the support of the There is also a dilapidated carriage ser- insurgents in the field.

One may ride almost around the island by street car for five cents, and make a ceived the whole town was alive-the for 10 cents. The question of speed is not children, all with little flags, the Ameriinvolved, but safety may be counted on as pretty certain.

passenger. The conductor sat on the rear were flung to the breeze. They were flyseat-conductors here have much time to ing in pairs-American and Cuban-from occupy the rear seat; the driver sat every house, big and small. Every cardown on the front seat, threw the reins riage driver, no matter how shabby his around the crank of the brake, and soon vehicle, had it decked with flags, every fell asleep. The little mules-they are very little-jogged on at a gentle trot, turned out on the switch, walked slowly held their own in the general flag decorato the end of it, stopped, and waited for a tion. passing car close at hand. I thought the passing car would disturb the driver's slumbers, but it did not. The car rumbled by, the mules started promptly, crossed over on the main track, resumed their former gentle trot, and the driver slept on peacefully as ever. I turned to the light as never before fell upon the Cubans surgent sweethearts, fighting for the in-



JULIA DENLOFEN.

conductor and remarked: "Your mules he said the other day: appear to be well trained. With considerable pride in his tone he States, and we will prove it.

KEY WEST, FLA. | California. The nearest approach Three months ago Key West was a rural districts are open lots or pastures, most important naval station in the pressed some surprise about the pricklyboy said reassuringly: "Oh, a goat he eat

Not only does the Key West goat eat "anything," but he thrives on the pastur-Sam's territory nearest Cuba—the one age and is a sleek little creature, who West, where he has charge of the Protestlooks better fed than the horses and town that does not seem to belong to the mules subsisting on imported hay and

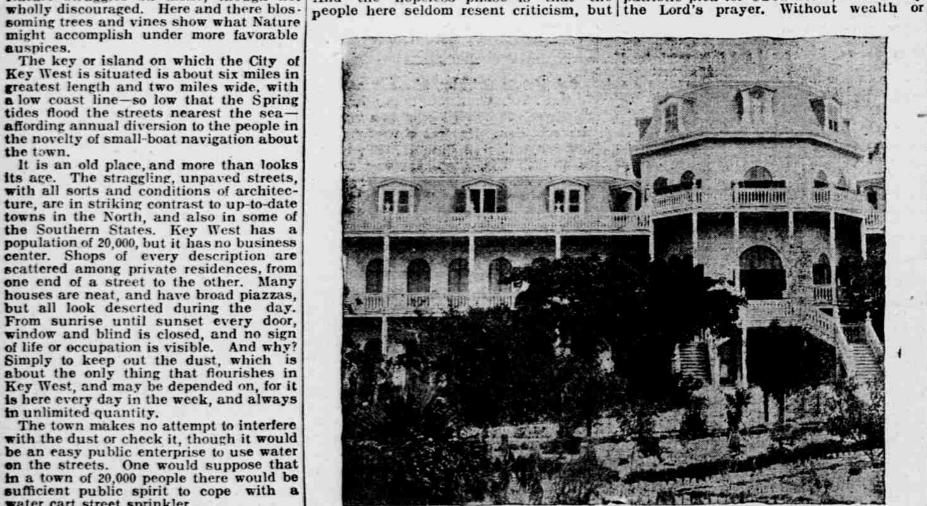
people. The fleet has been a Godsend in not concerned about street cleaning or more ways than one, for it has given such other sanitary measures. They know the life to the sleepy old town as never before natural advantages of their little island, roused it from the dead past and inspired and have entire faith in sea breezes as a and shoes. To Julia Denlofen Cuba disinfectant, believing the salt air blow-One would have to search the North to ing always around them will maintain the find a town so lacking in enterprise, and health of the town without effort or preon the whole so unattractive as this here- caution on their part. They will tell you tofore drowsy old place. It has been said that all the ills flesh is heir to are brought "but we bought an old piano for \$20, so we

good ground for the statement. In this understand the apathy and shiftless dis- Every day they pray for Cuba Libre." semi-tropical climate a desert would blos- regard for progress everywhere apparent,

United States. It is not alone the recon- Superior said: want, and begging for bread. And yet must be, then our services are at the reaching Washington was assigned to duty there are no complaints. Women and command of the Government of the as Regimental Adjutant. In June, 1863, young girls work for Cuba Libre. Babies United States." in arms carry tiny Cuban flags. It is the

spirit everywhere. Protestant Mission Church. The Reverend with 500 beds. Doctor Denlofen, with his family, lived in Havana until safety was no longer certain, because of his sympathy with the Cubans. He brought his family to Key ant Mission, and has opened a charity school in connection with his church work. Julia Denlofen is 16, of purely and girls, some of whom are too poor to buy books and too proud to go barefoot, so the Pastor tries to furnish both books Libre is the incentive of her daily life. "We do not expect to make musicians of our pupils." the Pastor's daughter said;

could teach them patriotic songs as well Key West except energy, and there is It is difficult for Northern people to as hymns. They know all about Cuba. At a word from their young teacher the



been no step in this direction, and the CONVENT OF MARY IMMACULATE, KEY WEST, NOW A U. S. MILITARY HOSPITAL

on the contrary admit their sins of omis- worldly influence, the Pastor and his sion, often with the well-meant apology: lovely daughter are nevertheless carrying crevice, covers everything in the house "It seems like nobody will take hold and on a great work. With the Bible and the

There is less grammar in Key West but country. They have a neat church buildsewerage and no modern sanitary methods ern towns. It is the hospitality char- Pastor's house—the first Cuban Protestant acteristic of the South, and there is a parsonage ever built. On the rear of the kindly politeness among all classes-that house is the schoolroom. something of deference-to strangers. however untidy and poor they may be.

one newspaper in the town-one that is so in Havana, and it is so here.

mercury seldom falls below 60 degrees, fluence. Then, there is still the old-time I have a very dear, dear friend in the field. courtesy among the colored people-the He sent me his coat-all worn, you know. old negro invariably takes off his hat to a I would not dare tell you how it came to stranger.

The population of Key West is said to here with tropical force and luxuriance. spirit. As a matter of fact the Cubans There is an electric light plant in Key are poor, they have little money, and

vice, but inexpensive, and the most easy- | Every able-bodied man of service age is going street car lines, with mules, that it is enrolled for active duty, now that the possible to imagine flourishing within the United States is ready to equip them urisdiction of the United States. The with arms and ammunition, which they stranger, however, says, unconsciously, have never been able to obtain them-"Over in the United States," as if on selves. It was a great day in Key West foreign soil. Neither the carriage nor when the news came of the action of street-car service has yet been affected by Congress and the signing of the war resolutions by the President.

Ten minutes after the dispatch was reingle trip to any part of town by carriage streets thronged with men, women and can colors leading the Cuban star. The town had been waving with flags before-I went out the other day in the street hundreds everywhere, but in less time car, and for some distance was the only than it takes to tell it hundreds more horse's head kept the little flags nodding, and even the mules on the street cars

> The change in the atmosphere was star, and had my photograph taken, and quick and marvellous. The quiet, anxi- sent it to him. You see, it would help him ous waiting and tension of suspense had to be true, and brave, and hopeful." been oppressive. Suddenly the clouds lifted, broke, vanished, and such a sun- Cuban girls to their ragged, barefoot inof Key West. Every face was bright with dependence of Cuba. In the Pastor's smiling hope. Faces hard and set for house are dozens of photographs of young weeks were radiant with the new light. Cubans in the field—young men of splen-Plymouth, Ind., Sept. 14 and 15. It could not be described—this sudden did physique and education whose face uplifting and buoyancy of spirit. It was show the proud Castillian blood of Spain in the air, in the blue sky, in every voice. Hundreds of this class have gone from Men on the streets, grave and old, em- the best families of Havana, and to-day months men, three-years men, and veter-

missed and workshops closed. In the Soon after the fleet anchored in Key evening there was a torchlight proces- West Harbor, the Convent of Mary Im-Kinley!

always shown to women in Key West,

Manuel Govin, who is regarded as the leading Cuban in Key West, was a prominent figure in the procession. He has a structure of stone, with broad piazzas on time, and a joint committee has arranged ment would result in the enrollment of cousin in the Autonomist Cabinet at every side, and surrounded by large, an excellent program. Havana, but it was not this relationship beautiful grounds. The rooms are airy, that called out cheers. It was the tragic and the whole first floor may be thrown death of his young brother, who went into one ward the entire length of the over to Cuba, a newspaper correspondent, building, or by folding partitions divided two years ago, and was shot by Spanish into separate wards. The thick walls 39th, 27th, 43d, and 63d Ohio, and probably soldiers. Young Govin refused to the and thorough ventilation make it exceed- Battery F, 2d U. S. Art., will have headlast to shout "Viva Espana"-the condi- ingly comfortable even in the hottest quarters at the Cincinnati Hotel, Ninth and tion on which his life would have been days.

Cuban flag they teach religion and love of

"I also help my father in church work, It begins with the children in the streets, said the young teacher. "We have 250 members in our little church. All Cu-It is very marked in the newsboys, who bans are born Roman Catholics, you never fail in good manners, and are know; but in this war Cuban men have singularly free from the young America left their church. It is not just the war. element of "hustle," which in the excite- It is the cruelty of Spain in the starving ment of sharp competition often gets to of our people, and so much cruelty that the point of rudeness "over in the United drives Cubans from the church. They do States." The Key West newsboys have not go to church at all, so my father per-

printed half in English and half in "We have many friends in the in Undoubtedly the climate and softer we help them. The young men know that traits of Cuban character have their in- my father is their true friend, and I, alsome, and you could never imagine what I did with it.

There was a little pause, then with smiling frankness she continued: "I put the coat on one day, with the sash of stars, and a hat with the Cuban



JOSE MANUEL GOVIN.

Leader of the Cubans at Key West.

Of such is the inspiration given by braced, throwing their arms about each other with impulsive rejoicing.

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are in the ragged, barefoot army of Maximo other with impulsive rejoicing. It was a general holiday-schools dis- will build up the free Republic of Cuba. Admiral Sampson, and at the same time and Laclede Counties, It was a whole week of rejoicing, but tendered the services of the sisters as throughout the days of effervescing patriot- nurses. The offer was accepted, and the ism perfect order prevailed. Wherever and however crowds gathered a woman could which has transformed the convent into pass with ease, the crowd instinctively a military hospital, and the 22 sisters have Caldwell, N. Y., June 30. The date said that while there was no honor too falling back with the respectful deference been placed on the rolls of the Govern- selected is he 37th anniversary of the great to be conferred upon the soldiers, it ment as nurses. It is by far the best regiment's departure for the front. location, and most attractive spot in Key D. S. Marshall, President, West Winfield, an organization of their own. The reso-West.

N. Y.: 121st N. Y., at West Winfield, June lutions were not carried, but the fact that The convent building is a picturesque 30. The 152d N. Y. will meet at the same their passage by the National Encamp-

spared. Manuel Govin expressed the general sentiment among Cubans when he said the other day:

"We Cubans are grateful to the United States, and we will prove it."

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For many years the Sisters of the Holy Encampment.

Significantly Chairman of the C.A.R. in Arkansas.

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Cuban women are intensely patriotic. There is no sacrifice they will not make and cheerfully endure in any hardships and good deeds. Though not strictly in women living in ease and luxury two practical experience in epidemics; doing What Veterans Are Doing for the for Cuba Libre. It is as nothing that the line of trained nurses, they have had cannot face the day in their tatters, and remarked that as Catholics their are absolutely dependent for the food that sympathies would naturally be with the keeps them alive on the charity of the Catholic country of Spain the Mother lawyer. In 1855 he was admitted to the centrado who has been starved out of all but we are Americans, and our duty is entered the 138th N. Y., afterward known pride that suffers most. It is the man or to our country. We deplore war, and wish as the 9th N. Y. H. A. He received a woman of the better class reduced to it might have been averted. But if it commission as First Lieutenant, and on

Besides the Convent, two large wooden buildings, formerly cigar factories, have One of the most actively patriotic young been taken by the Government for hospital girls in Key West-a beautiful Cuban-is purposes. Altogether there are now ready

the daughter of the pastor of the Cuban at Key West hospital accommodations ALAN MCINTYRE.

MUSTERED OUT.

GREER.-At Decorah, Ill., Robert F. Greer, Co. D, 6th Iowa Cav. He was killed while trying to stop his team, which was running away. He leaves a widow. ERXLEBEN.—At Norfolk, Va., William

Erxleben, 99th N. Y. FITZGERALD.—At New York City, N. Y. John Fitzgerald, Co. B, 99th N. Y. GOODWIN.—At Winnebago, Minn., Lieut. B. F. Goodwin, Co. E, 14th Wis. His regiment was a famous command, and especially distinguished itself in several important actions. Comrade Goodwin, with two others of his regiment, received special mention for bravery at the battle of Corinth. He was a prominent G.A.R. man, and first Commander of Post 54.

SCOTT.—At Downey, Cal., Jesse Scott, Co. G, 27th Mo., aged 75. He leaves a THURBER.—At Merced, Cal., Charles Thurber, aged 53. He enlisted in 1862 in the 16th N. Y., and on the expiration of his term, in December, 1863, re enlisted in Co. L, 2d N. Y. Vet. Cav., serving until November, 1865. He was a member of Post 59,

Tulare, Cal. STEESE.-At Chicago, Ill., Levi Steese, Co. D. 3d Wis. TEETERS.-At Chicago, Ill., George W. Teeters, Co. G, 92d Ohio. NIXON.—At Victor, Mont., John W. taking of Petersburg and the capture of Nixon, Co. D, 51st Ohio, aged 56. The Lee's army. For meritor our service before funeral was under the auspices of the G.A.R. and A.O.U.M. He is survived by a Colonel. The regiment was mustered out widow and one son.

HARRINGTON.—At Reading, Pa., Serg't Chas. W. Harrington, Co. F, 15th U. S., aged 67. He held membership in the G.A.R. and other patibile Orders, A widow and two sons survive him. Gri liths, Co. B, 4th Wis.

Ireland, and came to America in February, Fort Bay. 865. He at once enlisted, and went the famous Irish Brigade, of the Second and has several times served as its Com-Corps. He was a member of Serg't Peiffer mander. STEINMETZ.—At Mosic town, Pa., Wm. F. Steinmetz, Co. B, Sd Pa., aged 69
KERCHEVAL.—At Chicago, Ill., Alexander Kercheval, Co. A, 19th III.

McMANUS.—At Lattington, N. Thomas McManus, Co. K, 28th N. Ind'p't Battery, aged 76. The home of the deceased was at Roslyn, L. I., where he held membership in Elija Ward Post. AMMERMAN.-At West Lima, Wis., Wm. H. C. Ammerman, Co. B, 20th Wis., aged 55. He was a charter member of Samuel F. Curtis Post.

WASHBURN.-At Richland Center, Wis.

James Washburn, Colonel, 116th Ohio. He enlisted on the organization of the 25th Ohio, and was commissioned Captain of Co. B. In 1862 he was promoted Colonel. Theiss, Co. K, 3d Pa. Cav. SWARTWOOD.-At Tracy, Minn., Henry B. Swartwood, Corporal, Co. L. 24th N. Y. Cav., aged 54. He was JuniorVice-Commander of Joe Hooker Post, 15. RODGERS .- At Whiting, Ind., George W. Rodgers, Corporal, Co. F, 2d W. Va.

MATCHETTE.-At Sedalia, Mo., John H. Matchette, 7th Ind. Cav., aged 54 Department Commander, W. J. Patterson, pension. Death was caused by lock-jaw resulting Pittsburg; S. V. C., Maj. J. B. Maitland, from injuries. GRIMES .- At Sterling, Neb., G. Mason.

McMANNICE.-At Hay Springs, Neb. M. A. McMannice, Co. G. 50th Ill. He was partment Chaplain for 26 years. Past Commander of Hay Springs Post, 223. VANCE.-At Dunklin, Ala., Elisha Vance, Co. K, 2d Iowa Cav. MACKEY.-At Tamaqua, Pa., June 5,

Joseph Mackey, Co. H, 141st Pa., and Co. contained over 1,500 veterans. E, 22d V. R. C., aged 96 years, four months and nine days.

BATES.—At Minneapolis, Minn., Gen. Erastus Newton Bates, aged 70. Gen Bates assisted in recruiting the 80th Ill. and was commissioned Major; promoted Gray. The attendance was fully as large Lieutenant-Colonel. He received the brevet of Brigadier-General for faithful and as was expected, and all portions of the meritorious service. Gen. l'a'es was one

of the framers of the charter of Minnesota, come. Col. Gray and ex-Gov. Hoard reits first Senator, and held other important positions PIERCE.-At New London, Conn., Charles L. Pierce, aged 67. Comrade Pierce served in a Phode Island command. He was a member of W. W. Perkins Post. A widow

ADAMS.—At York, Pa., Samuel J. Adams, Captain, Co. B, 187th Pa., aged 62. He was a member of the Masonic fraternity and a G.A.R. man. GILLIS .- At Clifton, W. Va., Rodgers Gillis, Co. F, 174th Ohio, and member of Middleport Post, 125, G.A.R.

REUNIONS.

John C. Lyon, Quartermaster, Central California Veterans' Association, Arroyo Grande, Cal., writes: "This Association will hold a 10 days' Reunion at Sycamore Springs, San Luis Opispo County, commencing July 19. This is the second annual Reunion.

Indiana O. H. Widney, St. Joe Station, Ind.: 88th Ind., at St. Joe, Ind., Sept. 27. J. V. Astley, Chairman, Executive Committee, Plymouth, Ind.: 73d Ind., at

H. F. Gilbert, Secretary, Albion, Mich .:

J. W. Carmack, Commander, Dadeville, Ma: Reunion of the Federal Soldiers and sion, music and patriotic speeches. Above | maculate, Sisters of the Holy Name, was | Sailors' Association, Department of Pomme the music and cheers, higher and more offered to the Government for a hospital. de Terre, at Humansville, Mo., Aug. vigorous than the "Star Spangled Ban- The Mother Superior called in person, 30, 31, and Sep., 1 and 2. This organizaner," was the voice of the small boy shout- and through Capt. Forsyth, commandant tion is composed of veterans of Hickory, to the National Encampment to vote for ing "Viva Mr. McKinley!" "Viva Mr. Mc- of the naval station, made the offer to Polk, Dallas, Cedar, Benton, Dade, Greene the changing of the requirements for mem-

New York.

Van Olinda Gordon, Secretary, 46 Rem
Color of Col. Watrous, the Chairman,

seriously into the discussion and voting. Frank Bruner, President, 39th Ohio As-

The 16th annual Encampment of the Department of Arkansas convened at Fay-Battery F, 2d U. S. Art., will have head-quarters at the Cincinnati Hotel, Ninth and Sycamore streets, during the National Encampment etteville. Commander A. H. Sockland pre-sided, and presented a very interesting report on the affairs of the G.A.R. in

With considerable pride in his tone he replied: "Yes; them mules have been on this road nigh about 15 years."

Of course, Key West is too small for farming, but, even in a small way, there are neither vegetable gardens nor fruit orchards. Such supplies are shipped "over from the United States"—oranges "over from the United States"—oranges "over from the United States"—oranges "over from nearby Florida groves, but from provided in his tone he schoolrows at the convert were families North for greater security, and families North for greater security, and families North for greater security, and the Convent were families North for greater security, and the Convent were deserted. The Mother Superior and sisters are comparatively young women—for this support of the insurgents. He speaks sisters are comparatively young women—for the Gulf, in Cincinnati during the National Division, Nineteenth Copps, Department of the Gulf, in Cincinnati during the National Division, Nineteenth Copps, Department of the Gulf, in Cincinnati during the National during the National Division, Nineteenth Copps, Department of the Gulf, in Cincinnati during the National Division, Nineteenth Copps, Department of the Gulf, in Cincinnati during the National Division, Nineteenth Copps, Department of the Gulf, in Cincinnati during the National Division, Nineteenth Copps, Department of the Gulf, in Cincinnati during the National Division, Nineteenth Copps, Department of the Gulf, in Cincinnati during the National Division, Nineteenth Copps, Department of the Gulf, in Cincinnati during the National Division, Nineteenth Copps, Department of the Gulf, in Cincinnati during the National Division, Nineteenth Copps, Department of the Gulf, in Cincinnati during the National Division, Nineteenth Copps, Department of the Gulf, in Cincinnati during the National Division, Nineteenth Copps, Department of the Gulf, in Cincinnati during the Nation, Nineteenth Copps, Department of the Gulf, in Cincinnati during the Nation, Nineteenth Copps, Department of the Gulf,

THE GRAND ARMY. PENSION POINTERS.

Inquiries Answered and Sugpartment of New York, is a well-known gestions Made.

bar in New York. In September, 1862, he address of the inquirer. The reply, however, will be marked as may be desired. No attention he was promoted Captain, and detailed to will be given to anonymous inquiries. If no reduty at the draft rendezvous at Elmira, ply is printed within three weeks, write again.] N. Y. In May, 1864, he returned to the

Good of the Order.

Anson S. Wood, Commander of the De

ANSON S. WOOD.

Petersburg he was brevetted Lieutenant-

PENNSYLVANIA ENCAMPMENT.

WISCONSIN ENCAMPMENT.

State were well represented. Mayor

Herman Erb delivered the address of wel-

The report of Ass't Adj't-Gen. W. H.

Bennett showed a membership of 10,835

at the close of 1897, a net loss of 225, and

there were at that time 1,029 members

suspended for nonpayment of dues. The

losses by death during the year were 238.

There has been a net gain of four Posts

during the year, and on May 15 there were

270 Posts in good standing. Posts were

mustered during the year at Bear Creek,

Wolf Creek, Berlin, Cedar Grove and

National Home. The Posts at Boaz, Min-

dero and Independence surrendered their

charters. One Post was reinstated and

another gained by correction of an error.

There has been a net gain since Jan. 1 of

149 members, making the total number in

A feature of the Encampment was the

parade. Besides a large number of vet-

erans there were in line the children from

the public schools and the Sons of Vet-

erans. 'After the parade the children were

At the second day's session George H.

Russell, of Berlin, was elected Com-

mander on the second ballot. Wm. Wil

son, of Appleton, was chosen Senior Vice-

Commander, and Comrade Egan, of West

Superior, Junior Vice-Commander, by ac-

The expected contest over the election

of trustees of the Waupaca Home did not

develop. Col. Gray's recommendation was acted upon and J. H. Woodworth and A.

. Smith were re-elected without a dis-

Milwaukee gained the next Encamp-

One of the important matters discussed

was a resolution instructing the delegates

bership, so that those engaged in the

was probable that they would wish to form

some former Confederates did not enter

ARKANSAS ENCAMPMENT.

ment almost without opposition.

addressed by ex-Govs. Peck and Hoard.

good standing 11,209.

Jones Chief of Staff.

senting vote.

in May, 1865.

responded.

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gard of the boys.

representations the soldier made may be been previously married. C. B., Canal Dover, O .- The act of Congress approved March 6, 1896, provides as the "Star Spangled Banner." Through sion under the act of June 27, 1890, has room in the city is now provided with a been, or shall hereafter be, rejected, sus- large flag used for inside decoration. pended, or dismissed, and a new applica- These were carried in the parade-Frelom tion shall have been, or shall here- W. Elam, Press Correspondent, Corps 24, after be, filed, and a pension has been, or Valparaiso, Ind. shall hereafter be allowed in such claim, At Greenfield, Ind., Samuel H. Dunbar such pension shall date from the time of Corps, 64, observed Memorial Day with filing the first application; provided the the G.A.R. Judge Davis, of Indianapolis, evidence in the case shall show a pen- was the orator. of the Interior.

no better evidence, evidence as to the

as to fee in a pension claim, and the were called, and at each call a bey in claim is thereafter rejected, it is not sailor costume stepped forward and hung necessary to file another set of fee con- on the pedestal a letter worked in La tracts before entering an appeal against France roses. In response to roll call of the adverse action of the Bureau. E. S., Norvell, Mass.—If the Pension Woman's Relief Corps placed a flag on Bureau, from the evidence submitted, is the pedestal, and soon it was one mass of satisfied that a mother is entitled to a stars and stripes, and the flag was justly pension on account of the service and honored. command of his company. He was en-gaged in the battles of Cold Harbor. In death of her son, the chances are more October, 1864, he was placed on the staff of Gen. J. B. Ricketts, Third Division, Sixth Corps. In February, 1865, he was promoted Major, and partic pated in the

pension.

Commander Wood has been prominent in else draw it for him. politics. In 1867 he was Assistant Asses-W. S. K., W. Mansfield, O.-If a widow handsome flag, and only our good wishes sor of Internal Revenue, but resigned in pensioner dies leaving surviving her no went with them." 1809 to accept the nomination as member minor child or children under 16 years of of the State Assembly. He was Deputy are, no one can obtain the pension money GRIFFITHS.—At Topeka, Ean., Wm. L. Secretary of State under G. Hilton Scribner that was due her up to the time of her from 1872 to 1871, and in 1879 was again death, excepting the person who bore the HULL.—At Meadville, Pa., John Hull, called to fill that office under Gen. Jos. B. Co. B, 88th N. Y., aged 52. He was born in Carr. He is now residing at Wood's Island, or who is held responsible for the same. a very pleasant informal reception to the To obtain the money it will be necessary Commander Wood was the moving spirit to file with the Auditor for the Interior guests from other States were Gen. L. A. through the Appomattox campaign with in the organization of Post 55, Wolcott, Department a proper application, sup- Grant, of Minneapolis, Assistant Secretary ported by competent proofs, asking reim- of War under President Harrison; Mrs. bursement. If a child of a soldier is in- Montgomery, Department President, and sane, idiotic, or otherwise permanently Mrs. Miner, Past Department President, helpless, and is now over 16 years of age, of New Hampshire. Mrs. Florence H. The 32d Annual Encampment of the no pension can be secured for said child Gates, Department President of Vermont, Department of Pennsylvania opened in unless it can be shown, or unless it has presided during the Convention. In her Oil City, June 7. Over 1,500 veterans and already been shown, that the death of the their wives were in attendance. Depart- soldier was due to his army service. ment Commander Wm. D. Stauffer ar- W. McG., Streator, Ill.-If a widow-pen-

rived in the afternoon, and was escorted soner remarries, her child by the soldier. from the station by May's Post and a who is under 16 years of age at the date of uniformed corps of cadets. Delegates her remarriage, is entitled to the full penfrom the eastern part of the State were sion that was allowed the widow; prothe earliest arrivals. The reception in vided a proper application, supported by the evening was attended by over 10,000 the necessary proofs, is filed in behalf of and many others unofficially, in every the child. If a soldier feels that an in- case bearing her own expenses. The Encampment was called to order justice has been done him in the rejection June 8 by Commander Stauffer. The of his claim by the Pension Bureau he on March 31, '98, the membership was gavel used was made from the derrick of has the right of appeal to the Hon. Secre- 2,536, a gain of 161 during the year. the first oil well, and was beautifully tary of the Interior.

mounted, Mayor Fawcett delivered an D. A. R., Kankakee, Ill.-If a soldier THEISS.—At Philadelphia, Pa., Philip address of welcome. Commander Stauffer was mustered out of the military service of the United States, although no certifi-Commander Stauffer was presented with cate of discharge ever came into his pos- \$337.46. Greetings were read from Departhandsome gold watch by Comrade C. W. session, he cannot successfully claim pay Hazard on behalf of the State Depart- for services since his muster-out, especiment. Past Commander Thomas Sample ally in view of the fact that he has actu- and conveying the hearty appreciation of presented Past Commander Alfred Darte ally rendered no service since that time. with a gold watch as a token of the re-S. D., Seneca, S. Dak.-A person in the military service of the United States can-Election of Department officers resulted: not, while he is in the service, draw a Calista R. Jones, of Bradford, speaking of

E. S. B., Ranger, Tex.-A pensioner on Oil City; J. V. C., I. S. Seesholtz, Cata- account of service in the Mexican War GRIMES.—At Sterling, Neb., G. W. wissa; Medical Director, J. H. Wilson, cannot secure another pension on account M. D., Butler; Chap., Rev. J. W. Sayers, of his service during the late war, but he was a member of Sill Post, 99, and a Philadelphia. The latter is pastor of the has the right to accept whatever pen-Methodist Episcopal Church, Twentieth sion that will give him the greatest beneand Jefferson streets, and has been De- fit. A person cannot receive two pensions over the same period, but it some-Gen. J. P. S. Gobin, of Lebanon, Com- times happens that two pensions are almander-in-Chief, made an address. lowed to the same person covering differ-Wilkes-Barre will entertain the veterans ent periods of time. next year. A parade in the afternoon

O. G., Perry, Wis.-The Commissioner of Pensions is calling on invalid pensioners and applicants for information relative to their wives and families with a The 32d Annual Encampment of the view to preventing possible fraud here-Department of Wisconsin was called to after. That is the only object, so far as order at Appleton by Commander E. B. we know, in making such inquiries.

SONS OF VETERANS.

Loyal Young Men and Their Great

OHIO ENCAMPMENT.

The 16th Annual Encampment of the Ohio Division was held at Columbus, O. represented. The following officers were elected for the ensuing year: Com., E. H. Archer, Columbus; S. V. C., Criss McConnell, East Liverpool; J. V. C., C. T. Scheid,

Watson, E. V. Barrere and E. E. Mather. Delegate-at-Large to National Encampment, H. V. Speelman, Columbus. Delegates, G. W. Schachleiter, Ironton; R. B. Maynard, Washington Court House; W. E. Baldwin, Youngstown; R. J. Williams. Portsmouth. A resolution was unanimously passed indorsing the candidacy of Gen. A. W. Jones, outgoing Commander, for Com-

Fort Recovery. Division Council, R. E.

mander-in-Chief. The next Encampment will be held at Columbus. It was unanimously resolved by the Encampment "That in the long ranks of clamation. J. C. Noyes, of Oshkosh, was of the Nation there are no more soldierly Pierce, Department Press Correspondent, A. L. Tucker, of Berlin, was appointed Assistant Adjutant-General, and J. E. officers and men—there are no more manly soldiers—than those who sprang forth at their country's call from the Order

of Sons of Veterans. "That we call upon the authorities having in charge the further recruiting of nition to the end that the services of companies and regiments recruited inside preserving their organized identity.

"That this Encampment hereby respect fully tenders to the Governor of Ohio and to the President of the United States the services of such companies and regiments as may be organized of Sons of Veterans in Ohio.'

The resolutions were signed, as committee, by H. V. Speelman, Chairman; E. W. Poe, D. Q. Morrow, Herbert B. Maynard; E. Howard Gilkey, Secretary. Commander-elect Archer appointed the following staff: Chief of Staff and Military Aid, E. H. Gilkey, Columbus; Special Aid and Military Correspondent, H. V. Speel man, Columbus; Surg., Dr. J. H. Mc-Elhinney, New London; Chap., Rev. H. D. Ketchum, Troy; Ins., A. B. L. Booth, Lockland; M. O., J. B Hill, West Jeffer son; Judge-Advocate, L. A. Ireton, Cincinnati; Adj't, A. H. Swartz, Columbus; Q. M., J. E. Orr, Columbus.

Request Commissioner Evans's Removal. At a meeting of Liberal Post, 515, Liberal, Mo., June 4, a resolution was adopted requesting President McKinley to remove Pension Commissioner H. Clay Evans. D. H. Walker is Commander and L. Nichol-

THE RELIEF CORPS.

News and Gossip of the Great Auxil-

iary. INDIANA'S LOYAL WOMEN.

Chaplain Brown Corps, 24, of Valparaise, Ind., cheerfully responded to the call of our National President, Mrs. Sarah J. Martin, to begin a fund for the needs of the soldiers in the present war. This [All communications for this column should Corps has quilted every Thursday for e accompanied by the true name and correct eight years, thus keeping on hand a large general and relief fund. By unanimous vote at the last meeting from this time money obtained in this way shall be S. B. W., Macon, Ga.—When, in a widow's pension claim, the death of a for this purpose. We cheerfully and former wife of the soldier can be shown by former wife of the soldier can be shown by we will do the same for the boys of '98. Children's Memorial Day was a complete success again this year. Over 1,000 effectual, especially if there is no evidence children were in the parade, every one supporting his statement that he had bearing a flag. Services were held in "Memorial Opera House," and every inch of room was filled with children cheering "That whenever a claim for pen- the efforts of our Committee every school-

sionable disability to have existed, or to At Evansville, services were held at exist, at the time of filing such first ap- Locust Hill, Oak Hill, and St. Joseph plication, anything in any law or ruling Cemeteries. The orators respectively were of the Department to the contrary not- Judge M. W. Field, Col. Jasper Packard, withstanding." I' you feel that an in- and Louis T. Ahlering. At the services justice has been done you in refusing to at Oak Hill an offering for the unknown date your pension from the time of the filing of your first application, you have the right of appeal to the Hon. Secretary and placed on a pedestal entirely covered Attorney, Middleport, O.-If an attorney with evergreens. At an interval in the has filed duplicate articles of agreement services the letters of the word "Maine"

Lucy A. Kintz, of Lion S. Bass Corps, 7, than even that the title to the pension is Fort Wayne, says: "The most harmoniall right. The father, upon the death of our relations exist between our Post and the mother, if dependent, can obtain a Corps. Patriotism is being spread surely pension. The mother of the soldier or in our midst. The Relief Corps presented sailor always has the prior right to the two flags to our soldier boys now on their way to the front. One went to the True R. A. B., Republican, Ark .- A person in Blues, the other to the Battery Boys, but the military service of the United States to our serrow they could not take them on canno', while he is in the service, draw their march; but they asked that we keep a pension, nor can his wife or anyone them until they returned, or such remnant as might come. The Rifles already had a

deceased members of the Post the

VERMONT CONVENTION.

The 14th Annual Convention of Vermont G.A.R. and W.R.C., at which the principa annual address she spoke feelingly of the loyalty of the women of Vermont to the boys of '61 and recommended that the loyalty and assistance of this Department be pledged as earnestly to the boys of '98. Under her administration marked progress has been made in the work of the Order. She has visited 19 of the Corps officially,

Two Corps have been instituted, and Nine hundred and thirty-six dollars have been expended for relief and \$578 turned over to Posts. Stannard Corps, Burlington, leads in relief work, having spent ment Commander E. W. Jewett expressing congratulations upon the work of the year

the G.A.R. The Department President introduced the National Junior Vice-President, Mrs. her election at Buffalo, and adding, "and this year we intend to put the Vermonter ahead and close up the ranks." The Convention unanimously indorsed Mrs. Jones for National President. A little later retiring Commander Jewett personally brought the message that "the G.A.R. in Encampment, by a rising vote, unanimously indorsed the candidacy of Calista Robinson Jones as National President.' She had already received the personal indorsement of Adj't-Gen. T. S. Peck, and of the majority of the other prominent members of both the G.A.R. and W.R.C.

in the Department. Mrs. Gates was nominated for a second term as Department President, and with difficulty induced the Convention to accept her refusal of the honor. These officers were installed by National Junior Vice-President Calista R. Jones:

Pres., Mrs. Amanda T. Newcomb, Montpelier, daughter of Gen. Stephen Thomas; S. V. P., Mrs. Clara M. Niles, Morrisville; J. V. P., Mrs. Leona H. Wood, Rutland; Sec., Mrs. Ellen M. Seaver, Montpelier; Treas., Mrs. Olive M. Wheelock, Montpelier; Chap., Mrs. Mary L. Rising, Randolph; Counselor, Mrs. Counselor, Florence H. Gates, Morrisville: Instituting and Installing Officer, Mrs. L. Bartley. Burlington. Executive Board-Mrs. Ohio Division was held at Columbus, O., Victoria Ordway, Montpelier; Miss Brock, June 8 and 9, and was largely attended. Wells River; Mrs. Jessie A. Sturtevant, Almost every Camp in the Division was St. Albans; Mrs. Stella L. Williams, Wallingford; Mrs. Frances Bailey, Putney. Delegate-at-Large-Mrs. Kate Holton. Burlington; Alternate-at-Large, Miss Lena

B. R. Pierce, Vergennes. The work of the ritual was exemplified by the Morrisville Corps, assisted by the Corps from Swanton and Essex Junction. Retiring President Mrs. Gates was presented with a gold Past Department President's badge by the Department, and a solid silver toilet set by her Aids. A purse of \$16 was raised in the Convention to be presented, with a bouquet of flowers and a letter of sympathy, to Lieut. Stratton, 1st Vt., now at a Vermont hospital, who was accidentally shot while in camp, necessitating the amputation of his leg. This purse was the beginning of the Department emergency fund started in accordance with the recommendation of those who now bear arms in the defense the National President.-Lena B. R.

ALL ALONG THE LINE.

Margaret Gary Wright, Los Angeles, Cal., sends notes of the Memorial Day services at the Soldiers' Home and elsewhere. The troops, that this Order be accorded recog- Home ceremonies included a parade, led by Capt. C. O. Pratt, Marshal; young women from Los Angeles, and W.R.C. also our Order be accepted in such manner that our members may go to the front and John A. Martin Posts, and Union Veterans' Legion. An impressive service was gone through at the cemetery, during which the "Story of the Maine" was sung by Miss Pearl Gleason. Stanton Post and Stanton Corps. Los Angeles, held an effective memorial serv-

> California Ladies Remember the Maine. Mrs. Bell Ingram, President, Columbia Circle, 24, Ladies of the G.A.R., Los An-

ice at their hall. Three members of the

Corps and seven of the Post were re-

membered.

geles, Cal., writes: "This Circle, on Memorial Day, erected a monument to the victims of the Maine. The monument was five and a half feet high, resting on a base four feet square and one foot high, artistically draped in our National colors, and surmounted by a beautiful silk flag. In front of the monument was the battleship Maine made of red, white and blue flowers, and flowers in other handsome designs.

Ten girls and 10 boys, all in sailor clothes, each carried a flag and a floral piece. The children were led by a drummer-boy in complete sailor suit, followed by Mrs. Nellie Baldwin as Goddess of Liberty, dressed in a full flag-suit, with crown of Liberty, at her side a little boy and girl attendant.

The exercises were opened by singing 'America"; then the children stepped to the monument in couples, each with a few well-chosen words, always ending with "Remember the Maine," depositing their offering.